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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; Cotton Valley Formation,
Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley Zone,
Reservoir A; ELM GROVE FIELD, Bossier Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize the unit well for HOSS RA SU72, the unit well for CV RA SU78 and the substitute unit well for LCV RA SU104, at the location shown on the attached plats, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972 (applicable to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A), Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996 (applicable to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A).

2. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bienville and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-A series of Orders.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bienville and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-B series of Orders.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bienville and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

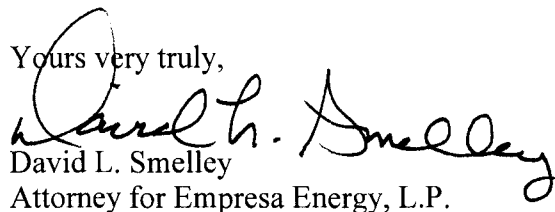
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of each of the three (3) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for Empresa Energy, L.P.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jeff Elkin (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Mr. Jim Dodson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

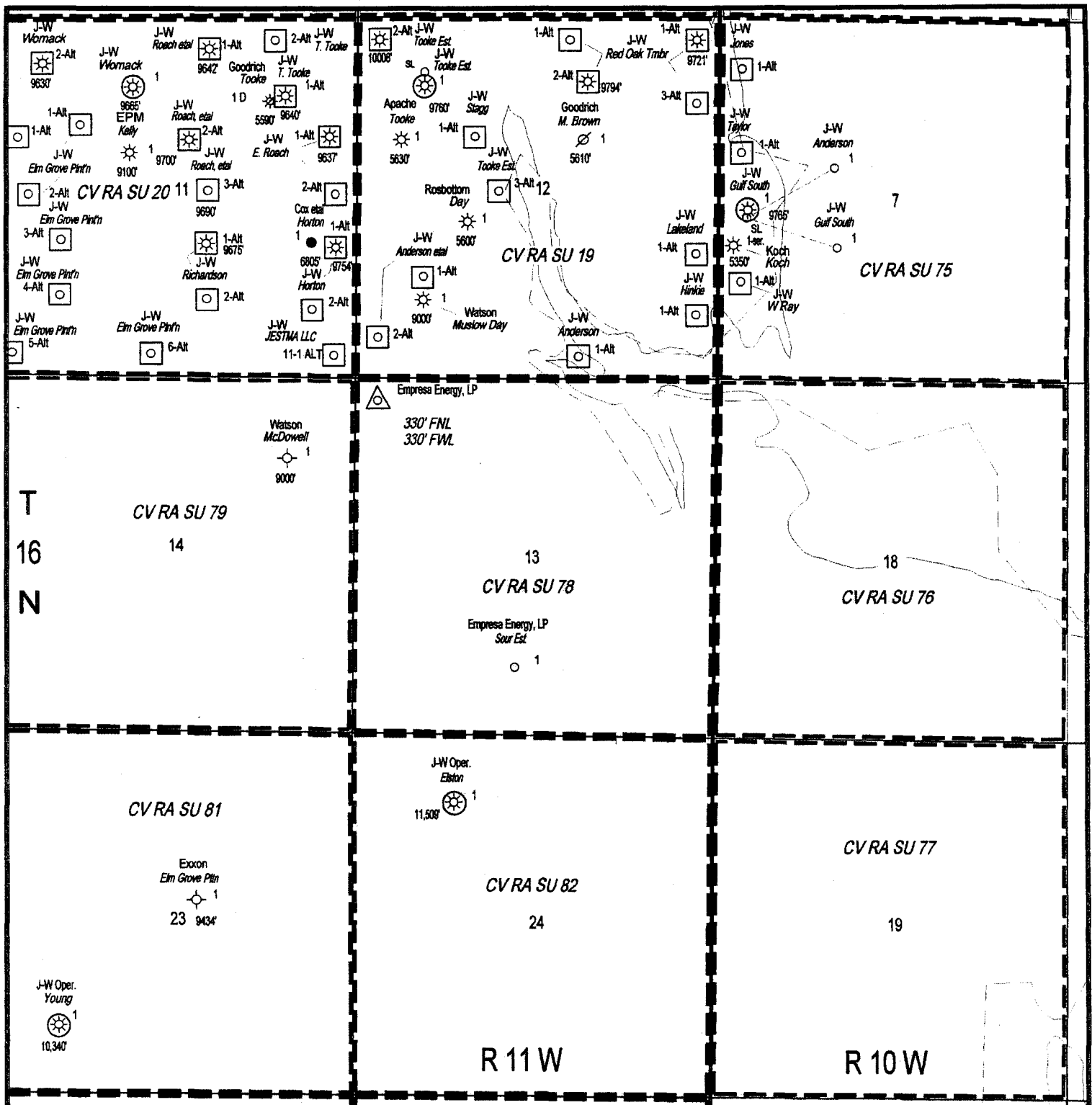


EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No. 06-

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

ELM GROVE FIELD
BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RA SU 78

0 2000' 4000'

DATE:

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

- : AS PER 361-B SERIES
- △ : PROPOSED UNIT WELL
- : UNIT WELL
- : ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

